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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 6, 2003, please amend the claims to this application as shown on the attached sheets.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested. Claims 1-52 are currently pending in this application.

Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner alerted Applicant to a potential double patenting issue with regard to claims 1 and 18. Applicants have amended claim 18, and submit that, if claims 1-18 should be allowed, the double patenting potential has been removed.